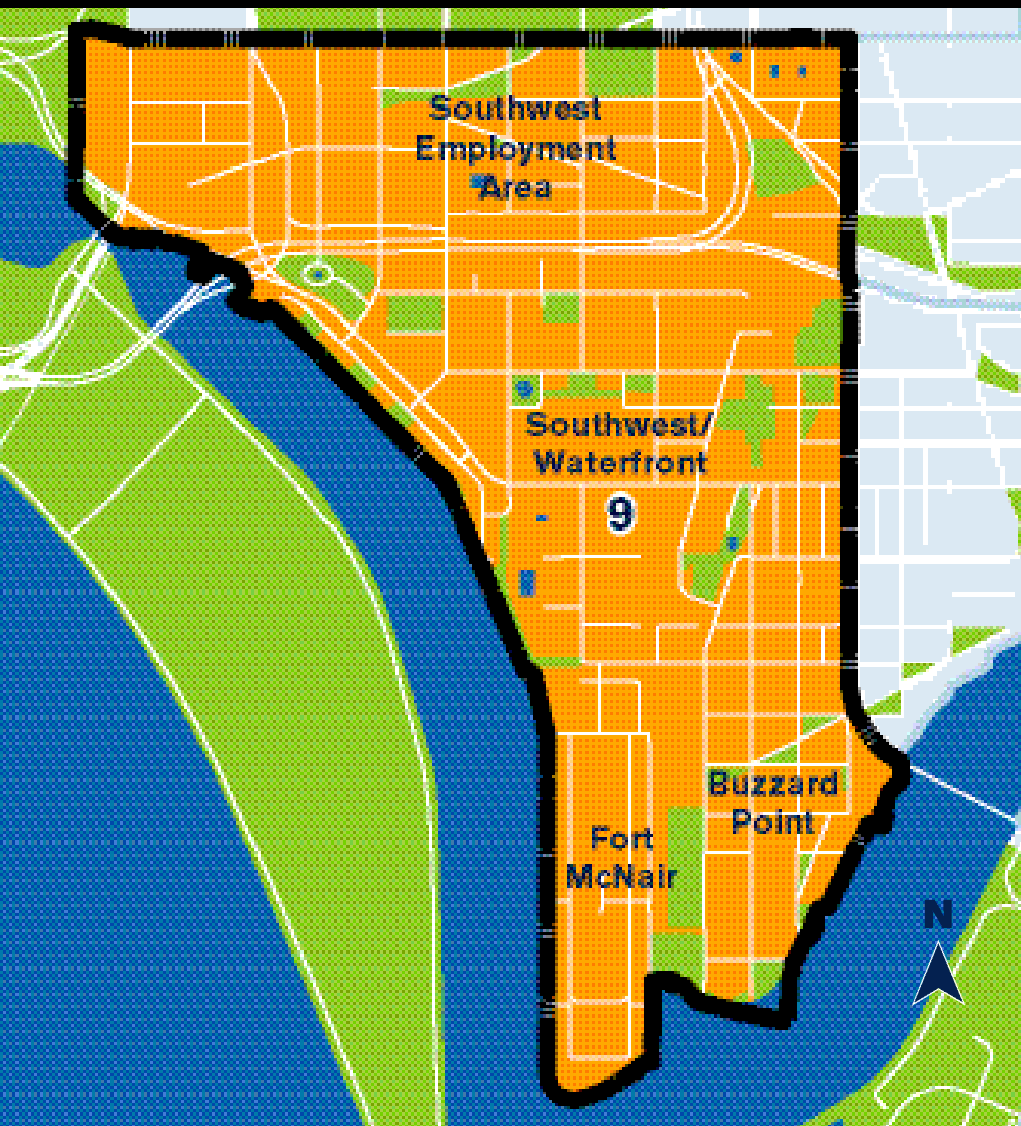


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Neighborhood Cluster

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Cluster 9 includes all of Southwest Washington, which is now located in Wards 2 and 6. The Cluster includes the area within the boundaries of Independence Avenue on the north; South Capitol Street on the east; and the Anacostia River, the Washington Channel, and 15th Street on the south and west.

 Cluster  Parks  Water



**Southwest Employment
Area**

Southwest/Waterfront

Buzzard Point

Fort McNair

Neighborhood Cluster **9**

Southwest Employment Area Southwest/Waterfront Buzzard Point Fort McNair



Physical Characteristics and Assets

The physical organization of land use in this Cluster is the direct result of Federal Urban Renewal plans begun in the 1950s. Although Federal offices are located in the northern section of this Cluster, another Federal presence is Fort McNair, an Army post that has been located in Southwest Washington for more than 200 years.

As proposed by the Federal Urban Renewal plans, commercial development along the Washington Channel and the Waterside Mall is conveniently located in the middle of the Cluster and is surrounded by housing. As designed, the housing types in this Cluster are diverse. They include two- and three-story garden apartments, townhouses, and high-rise apartments.

Some highlights of Cluster 9's assets and features are as follows:

- Immediate access to three Metro stations that include the Green, Yellow, Orange and Blue lines: L'Enfant Plaza, Federal Center SW and Waterside Mall/SEU.
- The Southwest Branch Library.
- A rich history that includes numerous historic sites such as Fort McNair, St. Dominic's Church, Arena Stage, Thomas Law House, Barney Neighborhood House, Edward Simon Lewis House, Wheat Row and Syphax School.

- A diverse housing stock, including large and small townhouses, condominiums, and high-rise apartments, as well as a strong real estate market.
- Easy access to downtown, as well as to the museums and cultural institutions that line the National Mall: specifically, the Smithsonian Institution, the Air and Space Museum, the Holocaust Museum and the National Gallery of Art.
- The Arena Stage, which is the Washington, DC, area's largest not-for-profit producing theater that attracts an annual audience of more than 250,000 patrons.
- Immediate access to parks, including Haines Point, the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, and the Randall Recreation Center.
- The Fish Market, which is located on the waterfront and offers a variety of fresh seafood.
- Strong public schools, including Bowen Elementary, Amidon Elementary, and Jefferson Junior High School, which is a school of distinction in math, science, and technology
- Five marinas that serve the Washington area: Buzzard Point Marina, Capital Yacht Club, Gangplank Marina, James Creek Marina and Washington Marina.



Recent Neighborhood Activity

- Southwest Heritage Trail—An interpretive trail has been developed in partnership with Discover DC and the residents of Southwest and will tell the history of the residential and industrial areas of Southwest Washington, DC.
- Mandarin Hotel at 13th Street and Maryland Avenue, SW is nearing completion.
- Waterside Mall, 401 M Street SW—Plans for the redevelopment of this site include neighborhood-oriented shops as well as new restaurants and cafés along two blocks of 4th Street (planned to be reopened and developed with a streetscape) and along M Street.